

CLAIMS:

1. A method for transmitting and receiving a digital message having N digits, each of said N digits having any one of M values, in a system wherein each of said M values k
 - corresponds with a k^{th} -chaotic signal generator having chaotic characteristic value associating with a chaotic algorithm; and
 - is transmitted within a bit periodincluding the steps of:
 - selecting the corresponding k^{th} -chaotic signal generator;
 - generating a chaotic signal by the corresponding k^{th} -chaotic signal generator; and
 - receiving the chaotic signal at a receiver storing the chaotic characteristic values of all of the chaotic signal generators and a demodulating algorithm, and demodulating the chaotic signal to generate the transmitted value k .
2. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the chaotic signal is demodulated by the demodulating algorithm by the steps of:
 - evaluating the chaotic value of the chaotic signal
 - matching the evaluated chaotic value with the stored chaotic characteristic values; and
 - assigning the transmitted value according to the closest match between the evaluated chaotic value and the stored chaotic characteristic values.
3. A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the chaotic signal includes a series of numbers generated by the chaotic algorithm within the bit period.
4. A method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the chaotic signal is generated by the steps of:
 - a) inputting a random number to the chaotic algorithm to generate a first chaotic number;

- b) inputting the first chaotic number to the chaotic algorithm to generate a second chaotic number; and
- c) repeating step b) using the second chaotic number as the first chaotic number until all numbers to be transmitted within the bit period are generated.
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5. A method as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the evaluated chaotic value and the stored chaotic characteristic values are matched by the steps of:
- d) pairing the first two numbers of the chaotic signal received by the receiver to form a first plot on a two-dimensional plane;
- 10 e) repeating step d) for all two consecutive numbers subsequently received by the receiver within the bit period to generate a return map;
- f) evaluating the chaotic value of the return map; and
- g) matching the chaotic value with the stored chaotic values.
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6. A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein M equals to 2, and each digit has a value of either 0 or 1.
7. A method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the chaotic algorithm is
- 20 $y = m[0.5 - 2|x|]$, x is an input number, m is the chaotic characteristic value, and y is one of the numbers forming the chaotic signal.
8. A method for transmitting the value k in a system for transmitting a digital message having N digits, each of said N digits having any one of M values, and wherein each of said M values k
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- corresponds with a k^{th} -chaotic signal generator having chaotic characteristic value associating with a chaotic algorithm; and
 - is transmitted within a bit period
- including the steps of:
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- selecting the corresponding k^{th} -chaotic signal generator; and
 - generating a chaotic signal by the corresponding k^{th} -chaotic signal generator.

9. A method as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the chaotic signal includes a series of numbers generated by the chaotic algorithm within the bit period.
10. A method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the chaotic signal is generated by the steps of:
- 5 a) inputting a random number to the chaotic algorithm to generate a first chaotic number;
- b) inputting the first chaotic number to the chaotic algorithm to generate a second chaotic number; and
- 10 c) repeating step b) using the second chaotic number as the first chaotic number until all numbers to be transmitted within the bit period are generated.
11. A method as claimed in Claim 8, wherein M equals to 2, and each digit has a value of either 0 or 1.
- 15 12. A method as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the chaotic algorithm is $y = m[0.5 - 2|x|]$, x is an input number, m is the chaotic characteristic value, and y is one of the numbers forming the chaotic signal.
- 20 13. A method for receiving the value k in a system for transmitting and receiving a digital message having N digits, each of said N digits having any one of M values, and wherein each of said M values k corresponds with a k^{th} -chaotic signal generator having chaotic characteristic value associating with a
- 25 chaotic algorithm to generate a chaotic signal, said chaotic signal being transmitted within a bit period comprising a series of number generated by the step of:
- a) inputting a random number to the chaotic algorithm to generate a first chaotic number;
- 30 b) inputting the first chaotic number to the chaotic algorithm to generate a second chaotic number; and

- c) repeating step b) using the second chaotic number as the first chaotic number until all numbers to be transmitted within the bit period are generated,
- including the step of receiving the chaotic signal at a receiver storing the chaotic characteristic values of all of the chaotic signal generators and a demodulating algorithm, and demodulating the chaotic signal to generate the transmitted value k .
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14. A method as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the chaotic signal is demodulated by the demodulating algorithm by the steps of:
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- evaluating the chaotic value of the chaotic signal
 - matching the evaluated chaotic value with the stored chaotic characteristic values; and
 - assigning the transmitted value according to the closest match between
- 15 the evaluated chaotic value and the stored chaotic characteristic values.
15. A method as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the evaluated chaotic value and the stored chaotic characteristic values are matched by the steps of:
- d) pairing the first two numbers of the chaotic signal received by the receiver to form a first plot on a two-dimensional plane;
- 20 e) repeating step d) for all two consecutive numbers subsequently received by the receiver within the bit period to generate a return map;
- f) evaluating the chaotic value of the return map; and
- g) matching the chaotic value with the stored chaotic values.
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16. A method as claimed in Claim 13, wherein M equals to 2, and each digit has a value of either 0 or 1.
17. A method as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the chaotic algorithm is
- 30 $y = m[0.5 - 2|x|]$, x is an input number, m is the chaotic characteristic value, and y is one of the numbers forming the chaotic signal.

18. A system for transmitting and receiving a digital message having N digits, each of said N digits having any one of M values, and wherein each of said M values k is transmitted within a bit period, said system including:
- 5 • a transmitter having M chaotic signal generators, each of said M chaotic signal generators corresponding to one of the M values k and having a chaotic characteristic value associating with a chaotic algorithm, such that a chaotic signal is generated by a corresponding k^{th} -chaotic signal generator when a value k is transmitted; and
 - 10 • a receiver having a demodulator and storing the chaotic characteristic values of all of the chaotic signal generators, to receive and demodulate the chaotic signal to generate the transmitted value.
19. A system as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the demodulator incorporates a demodulating algorithm to demodulate the chaotic signal by the steps of:
- 15 • evaluating the chaotic value of the chaotic signal
 - matching the evaluated chaotic value with the stored chaotic characteristic values; and
 - assigning the transmitted value according to the closest match between the evaluated chaotic value and the stored chaotic characteristic values.
20. A system as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the chaotic signal includes a series of numbers generated by the chaotic algorithm within the bit period.
21. A system as claimed in Claim 20, wherein the chaotic signal generator generates the chaotic signal by the steps of:
- 25 a) inputting a random number to the chaotic algorithm to generate a first chaotic number;
 - b) inputting the first chaotic number to the chaotic algorithm to generate a second chaotic number; and
 - 30 c) repeating step b) using the second chaotic number as the first chaotic number until all numbers to be transmitted within the bit period are generated.

22. A system as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the demodulator matches the evaluated chaotic value with the stored chaotic characteristic values by the steps of:
- 5 d) pairing the first two numbers of the chaotic signal received by the receiver to form a first plot on a two-dimensional plane;
- e) repeating step d) for all two consecutive numbers subsequently received by the receiver within the bit period to generate a return map;
- f) evaluating the chaotic value of the return map; and
- 10 g) matching the chaotic value with the stored chaotic values.
23. A system as claimed in Claim 18, wherein M equals to 2, and each digit has a value of either 0 or 1.
- 15 24. A system as claimed in Claim 23, wherein the chaotic algorithm is $y = m[0.5 - 2|x|]$, x is an input number, m is the chaotic characteristic value, and y is one of the numbers forming the chaotic signal.
25. A transmitter for use in a system for transmitting and receiving a digital message having N digits, each of said N digits having any one of M values, and wherein each of said M values k is transmitted within a bit period, said transmitter having M chaotic signal generators, each of said M chaotic signal generators correspond to one of the M values k and having a chaotic characteristic value associating with a chaotic algorithm, such that a chaotic signal is generated by a corresponding k^{th} -chaotic signal generator when a value k is transmitted.
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26. A transmitter as claimed in Claim 25, wherein the chaotic signal includes a series of numbers generated by the chaotic algorithm within the bit period.
- 30 27. A transmitter as claimed in Claim 26, wherein the chaotic signal generator generates the chaotic signal by the steps of:

- a) inputting a random number to the chaotic algorithm to generate a first chaotic number;
 - b) inputting the first chaotic number to the chaotic algorithm to generate a second chaotic number; and
 - 5 c) repeating step b) using the second chaotic number as the first chaotic number until all numbers to be transmitted within the bit period are generated.
28. A transmitter as claimed in Claim 25, wherein M equals to 2, and each digit
10 has a value of either 0 or 1.
29. A transmitter as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the chaotic algorithm is $y = m[0.5 - 2|x|]$, x is an input number, m is the chaotic characteristic value, and y is one of the numbers forming the chaotic signal.
- 15 30. A receiver for use in a system for transmitting and receiving a digital message having N digits, each of said N digits having any one of M values, and wherein each of said M values k corresponds with a k^{th} -chaotic signal generator having chaotic characteristic value associating with a chaotic
20 algorithm to generate a chaotic signal, said chaotic signal being transmitted within a bit period comprising a series of number generated by the step of:
- a) inputting a random number to the chaotic algorithm to generate a first chaotic number;
 - b) inputting the first chaotic number to the chaotic algorithm to generate a
25 second chaotic number; and
 - c) repeating step b) using the second chaotic number as the first chaotic number until all numbers to be transmitted within the bit period are generated,
- wherein said receiver has a demodulator and stores the chaotic characteristic values of all of the chaotic signal generators, to receive and demodulate the
30 chaotic signal to generate the transmitted value.

31. A receiver as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the demodulator incorporates a demodulating algorithm to demodulate the chaotic signal by the steps of:
- evaluating the chaotic value of the chaotic signal
 - matching the evaluated chaotic value with the stored chaotic characteristic values; and
 - assigning the transmitted value according to the closest match between the evaluated chaotic value and the stored chaotic characteristic values.
32. A receiver as claimed in Claim 31, wherein the demodulator matches the evaluated chaotic value with the stored chaotic characteristic values by the demodulating algorithm by the steps of:
- d) pairing the first two numbers of the chaotic signal received by the receiver to form a first plot on a two-dimensional plane;
 - e) repeating step d) for all two consecutive numbers subsequently received by the receiver within the bit period to generate a return map;
 - f) evaluating the chaotic value of the return map; and
 - g) matching the chaotic value with the stored chaotic values.
33. A receiver as claimed in Claim 30, wherein M equals to 2, and each digit has a value of either 0 or 1.
34. A receiver as claimed in Claim 33, wherein the chaotic algorithm is $y = m[0.5 - 2|x|]$, x is an input number, m is the chaotic characteristic value, and y is one of the numbers forming the chaotic signal.